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SUBJECT: ESCAP: INFORMAL MARAMIS MEETING WITH ACPR, MARCH 12

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1. SUMMARY: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS DISCUSSED UNDP BUDGET CUTS, COMMISSION BUREAU, SEVEN DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND DETAILS RELATING TO 32ND SESSION. END SUMMARY

2. MARAMIS INVITED ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (ACPR) TO ATTEND INFORMAL MEETING IN HIS OFFICE MARCH 12. HE DESCRIBED SERIOUSNESS OF UNDP BUDGET CUTS AND CLAIMED FOUR ESCAP PROJECTS WHOSE BUDGETS CUT \$4 MILLION WERE SERIOUSLY EFFECTED: MEKONG COMMITTEE, CCOP, ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM AND REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS. HE PRAISED NETHERLANDS SUPPORT FOR MEKONG COMMITTEE SHORTFALL AND PROMISED TO CIRCULATE SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF EFFECT OF UNDP CUTS NEXT WEEK.

3. DRAFTS OF FOLLOWING SEVEN RESOLUTIONS WERE CIRCULATED (COPIES AIRMAILED TO STOKES) AND TEXTS DISCUSSED.

A. INTEGRATED PROGRAM ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT: SECRETARIAT NOTED CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMISSION SESSION AND SIMULTANEOUS FAO MEETING IN BANGKOK REGARDING PROPOSED CENTRE FOR INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA (CIRDA). RESOLUTION TRIES TO TIE BOTH MEETINGS TOGETHER.

B. TCDC: DRAFT APPEARS INNOCUOUS ENOUGH BUT INDIAN REP MADE CLEAR WE WILL ADD LANGUAGE RELATING TO USE OF REGIONAL SKILLS

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AND CONSULTING SERVICES.

C. WORK PROGRAM AND MEDIUM TERM PLAN: REFERENCE MADE TO NEW DELHI DECLARATION AND NIEO IN PREAMBLE AND "CALLS UPON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO FURTHER INCREASE THEIR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE TO PROGRAM ACTIVITIES." INDIA WANTS INCLUDE LANGUAGE EXHORTING UNDP TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING.

D. STRENGTHENING OF REGIONAL STRUCTURES: ANOTHER ESCAP REQUEST FOR DECENTRALIZATION OF SUBREGIONAL AND REGIONAL PROJECTS TO COMMISSION AND ALLOCATION OF INCREASED RESOURCES TO ESCAP.

E. ESTABLISHMENT OF ASIA--PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY: URGES REGIONAL AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS TO SIGN CONSTITUTION SOONEST.

F. ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER: PREAMBLE REFERS TO RES. 3202 OF SIXTH SS AND NIEO AND PLAN OF ACTION AND LIMA UNIDO DECLARATION AND REQUESTS EXSEC TO CON- VENE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING TO ESTABLISH CENTER IN INDIA.

G. REGIONAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS: CALLS ON EXSEC TO ESTABLISH IN 1977 SINGLE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GOVERNING COUNCIL AND CREATE COORDINATING COMMITTEES AND EXPERT ADVI- SORY COMMITTEES IN 1976. ALSO ASKS FOR MORE DONATIONS. INDIA WAS ANNOYED COMPLICATED CRITERIA IT HAD PROPOSED FOR SELECTING CANDIDATES HAD BEEN DROPPED.

4. MARAMIS EXPECTS OTHER RESOLUTIONS FROM FLOOR SUCH AS SHIPPING COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF WOMEN'S CENTER IN IRAN. NEPAL INDICATED LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES MIGHT PROPOSE RESOLUTION. ACCESSION OF TUVALU FROM GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLAND ALSO REQUIRES RESOLUTION.

5. NO RESOLUTION PLANNED FOR EXPANDING ACPR RESPONSIBILITIES OVER WORK PROGRAMS. INSTEAD, DRAFT LANGUAGE PROPOSED FOR IN- SERTION IN REPORT ON 32ND SESSION.

6. INDONESIA AND INDIA DESCRIBED SHIPPING COMMITTEE DEBATE AT INFORMAL ACPR SESSION MARCH 4 (SEE REFTEL). INDIA AGAIN UNCLASSIFIED

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PUSHED FOR SPECIAL BODY ON SHIPPING AND OPPOSED RESTRUCTUR- ING TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS STATUS QUO.

7. MARAMIS INDICATED NAURU PRESIDENT ROBERT DE HAMMER WOULD BE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMEN WOULD BE FROM IRAN, PAKISTAN, INDIA, BURMA, CHINA, JAPAN, PHILIPPINESB THAILAND AND NEW ZEA- LAND. NEPAL ASKED FOR VICE PRESIDENT FROM LANDLOCKED COUNTRY

AND USSR PROPOSED MONGOLIA AS VP. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE WILL BE IRAN AMBASSADOR IN BANGKOK AND INDIAN AMBASSADOR
WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF DRIFTING COMMITTEE.

8. MEETING ADJOURNED AFTER MARAMIS READ SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS
ON ITEMS 4 AND 5 AND DISCUSSED SOCIAL ACTIVITIES DURING
COMMISSION SESSION.

9. COMMENT: UNDP BUDGET CUTS STARTING TO LOOM AS IMPORTANT
ISSUE AT 32ND SESSION. USDEL SHOULD BE PREPARED.
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